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Memorandum

Date: January 21, 2000
To: Distribution List
From: Wendy Halverson Martin
Restoration Coordinator
Subject: Yuba Tools Process

As part of the 1999 ecosystem restoration project funding cycle Ecosystem Roundtable members took under consideration the proposal 99-B131 - Yuba Tools. Based on its deliberations and the public comment provided at the June 16, 1999 Ecosystem Roundtable Meeting, the Ecosystem Roundtable recommended that proposal 99-B131 not be funded. (See attached excerpt from Ecosystem Roundtable recommendations). However, it was recognized that future restoration activities in this area will only be able to move forward with broad local support and in the context of addressing other critical issues in the region including flood control. It was also recognized that the Yuba River supports an important anadromous fishery and that significant restoration opportunities exist to improve it. The Ecosystem Roundtable recommended providing funding for a facilitator to develop a collaborative process and that funds be set aside for the implementation of a subsequent collaborative proposal. The Ecosystem Roundtable felt that CALFED is being presented with an opportunity to move regional watershed planning forward in the Yuba basin. The Ecosystem Roundtable also acknowledged that the process used on the Yuba River if successful could be a model for other watersheds to bring together upper and lower watershed interests. The requirements associated with this proposed process include:

- The local participants provide 25% cost share of the \$30,000 as a commitment of good faith (\$22,500 CALFED, \$7,500 Local).
- All interested parties be included as participants in the proposal including local governments from Yuba, Sutter and Nevada Counties, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, local water agencies and local environmental groups.

CALFED Agencies

California The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board
Department of Food and Agriculture

Federal Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Geological Survey
Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. Forest Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service
Western Area Power Administration

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- The general scope of B131 - Yuba Tools would be used as a focus/starting point for a new proposal.

This memo is to invite your participation in this process relating to the Yuba River watershed. A process will be set up to conduct facilitated public meetings. We propose to use Bonnie Nixon as the facilitator for this process. She has been facilitating the Upper Yuba River Studies Program for CALFED. We would like your commitment to participate in this process and concurrence to use Bonnie Nixon as the facilitator.

All parties identified must agree to participate in the proposed process and the local cost share of \$7,500 must be identified and committed to prior to initiating the process. Please respond to Rebecca Fawver at (916) 654-1334 or via email at rebeccaf@water.ca.gov by February 25, 2000. We look forward to working with you in this process.

Attachments

Yuba Tools Distribution List:

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